

EXPRESSING ABILITY

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 - b. can
 - c. am able to
 - d. could
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 - b. couldn't
 - c. haven't been able to
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 - b. am able to
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